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SUBJECT: SOVIET DELEGATION TO SEYCHELLES

1. SIR DUNCAN WATSON, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY AT THE FCO, HAS TOLD US THAT THE RUSSIAN BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION HAS WRITTEN TO SEYCHELLES OPPOSITION LEADER RENE SUGGESTING VISIT TO SEYCHELLES TO SHOW RUSSIAN "INTEREST IN THE WELFARE" OF THE SEYCHELLOIS. SIMILAR MESSAGE WAS SENT TO MANCHAM. NO SPECIFIC DATE WAS SUGGESTED FOR VISIT, NOR HAVE RUSSIANS YET REQUESTED ISSUANCE OF VISAS. WATSON THOUGHT THE VISIT MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

2. BRITISH UNDERSTAND THAT RENE IS IN FAVOR OF THE VISIT AND, GIVEN THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE ISLANDS, MANCHAM APPARENTLY DOES NOT THINK THAT HE CAN OPPOSE IT. FCO, ACCORDING TO WATSON, DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE A "COLONIAL" STANCE ON THIS MATTER BY VETOING THE VISIT. ACCORDINGLY, INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNOR STATING THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES HMG THINK IT BEST TO ALLOW THE VISIT TO TAKE PLACE. GOVERNOR HAS BEEN TOLD, HOWEVER, TO MAKE CLEAR TO RENE "THE NATURE OF THE BEAST" WHICH IS TAKING AN INTEREST IN THE

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